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Sir:

A broadening reissue application filed herewith, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

22. (New) A subterranean well system, comprising:

a wellbore intersecting a formation; and

a well screen disposed within the wellbore and filtering fluid flowing between the formation and the wellbore, an annulus between the well screen and wellbore, the screen including a woven metal material filter element radially expanded from a first configuration to a second radially enlarged configuration within sand-flow inhibiting particulate matter deposited into the annulus, whereby fluid flow through the well screen is filtered when the filter element is in the second configuration.

23. (New) The well system according to Claim 22, wherein the filter element includes a first layer of material with first openings therethrough, and a second layer of material with second openings therethrough, the second layer outwardly overlying the first layer, and the second openings being larger than the first openings.